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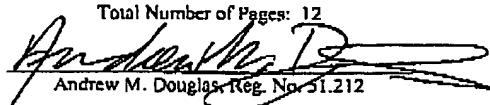
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 App. No. : 10/075,668  
 Filed : February 13, 2002  
 For : AN APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING A  
 LONGITUDINAL MEMBER TO A BONE  
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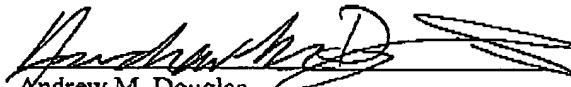
  
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In response to the Office's notice which was mailed August 25, 2005, transmitted herewith for filing  
 and consideration in the above-referenced application is the following:

(X) Amendment After Final in 11 pages.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following claim amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.